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To: State House of Representatives

Election Committee

I am filing a formal complaint for you to please investigate the actions of the City Clerk (Inez Brown) in the city of Flint Michigan, on the days of 4/27/2015 thru 4/30/2015

In a letter dated April 30th 2015 (att copy). The Director of Elections of the State of Michigan , (Christopher Thomas); has clearly spelled out the crime of Election Fraud.

The Director of Elections in the Elections Bureau for the state of Michigan; Christopher Thomas Says "As You Know" "MEL does not (Authorize) a clerk to accept filings beyond the statutory deadline or certify nominating petitions to the County Clerk that were submitted after the deadline".

Furthermore the letter goes on to say that, City Clerk Inez Brown called Mr. Christopher Thomas 4/27/2015 and notified him of the mistake, that she had (supposedly) mistakenly gave out the wrong date to turn in the signatures.

On the 28th of May 2015, City Clerk Inez Brown, chose to disregard, and violate the state election law, by accepting the filings and signatures, under false pretenses.

This reckless conduct is unacceptable to the (election process) that is so important to the Democratic process to the citizens of Flint MI.

As a City Clerk that has been employed as clerk by the city of Flint for over 10 possibly 20 years,

Inez Brown has went far and beyond what the election law demands, to get her hands on the signatures that she knew a day before(per Elections Director for the State Of Michigan) or maybe earlier, that the deadline had passed and the signatures did not matter any longer to qualify to be on the primary ballot. And still chose to so blatantly disregard and violate the state election laws.

Inez brown has already altered the outcome of the election, by illegally, (without authorization) accepted filings of candidates, and falsely certifying signatures of the candidates, of the city of Flint elected offices without authority from The State of Michigan's election bureau, or A court order allowing her to accept them legally.

Inez Brown also informed the public that only certain candidates, had enough signatures valid to qualify for office, and never sent out a notice of non-certification, to the people that they say did not have enough signatures that were valid, so we could at least challenge the decision of the (illegal) non-certification of the signatures.

By state law she was not lawfully able to receive the signatures or check the signatures for proper certification, but deceptively accepted the signatures anyway, in an effort to sort through the signatures and separate candidates, in an attempt to make certain candidates appear more appealing to the voters more than the others by claiming they had certified signatures, in the newspaper and television news.



STATE OF MICHIGAN
RUTH JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

April 30, 2015

Inez M. Brown, Clerk
City of Flint
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Flint, Michigan 48502

Dear Clerk Brown:

As the City of Flint prepares to conduct a primary election on August 4, 2015 to determine the nominees for certain city offices to be elected at the November 3, 2015 general election, I have learned that your office accepted nominating petitions filed by candidates for city offices after the statutory filing deadline elapsed on April 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. I am also aware that you have forwarded to the Genesee County Clerk the names of candidates who filed nominating petitions after the statutory deadline, contrary to the Michigan Election Law (MEL), 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 et seq. As you know, the MEL does not authorize a clerk to accept filings beyond the statutory deadline, or certify nominating petitions to the County Clerk that were submitted after the deadline.

The Michigan Election Law was amended in 2012 by Public Act 276 to establish a uniform 15-week filing deadline for candidates seeking state and local elective offices.¹ With respect to local offices filled at an odd-year election:

Beginning January 1, 2014, and except as provided in section 644e [pertaining to even-year elections], nominating petitions for offices to be filled at the odd year general election *shall* be filed by 4 p.m. on the fifteenth Tuesday before the odd year primary election.

MCL 168.644f(1) (emphasis added.) The fifteenth Tuesday before this year's primary fell on April 21, 2015.

You contacted my office on April 27, 2015 to advise that your office recently discovered that the statutory filing deadline expired on April 21, and that your office had mistakenly informed candidates that the filing deadline elapsed one week later, on April 28, 2015. It is my understanding that numerous candidates filed nominating petitions after April 21 but by 4:00 p.m. on April 28.

¹ Other than judicial offices and state-level offices whose candidates nominated at party conventions.